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**2<sup>nd</sup> PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The captioned application is U.S. Serial No. 10/040,397, filed December 28, 2001.

Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows.

**IN THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Please replace paragraphs 1 and 2 with the following scannable version of paragraphs 1 and 2.

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**[0001]** This application claims priority from commonly owned U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/273,190 entitled "HTML – Based Applications for Support of Complex Transactions," filed March 2, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/316,773, entitled "Meta Language Control of Complex Network Applications," filed August 31, 2001. The disclosures of these two provisional patent applications are incorporated herein by reference.

**[0002]** This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/041,034, entitled "Customization of Client-Server Interaction in an Internet Application," co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/035,413, entitled "Customization of Immediate Access and HotKey Functionality in an Internet Application User Interface," co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/041,015, entitled "Customization of User Interface Presentation in an Internet Application User Interface," co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/165,623, entitled "System and Method for Automatic Generation of HTML Based Interfaces Including Alternative Layout Modes," and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/040,396, entitled "System and Method for Searching Data Partially Displayed on a User Interface."

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